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MAMMOTH RIDGE STRIP MINE, HATCH, UTAH

3 messages

David Siminatis <davidsiminatis@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jul 2, 2013 at 11:38 AM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Cc: jblake@utah.gov

Peter, I telephoned you a while back thanking you for whatever hand you had in getting Burningham Mining to level those Travertine dunes they left when they abandoned their lease with SITLA. Those dunes were not only an eye sore and a dust nuisance but also became a dangerous ATV playground.

It's apparent from the amount of time it took Burningham to level the dunes he doesn't have much regard for the lease agreements he signs. The acreage he unearthed sits as a huge, very crudely plowed, white eyesore. His agreement had a clause for a \$25,000 bond for "reclamation" of the SITLA land he destroyed. Since it is already July 2nd, and quite some time since I talked to you about the restoration, can you give us a timetable of when Burningham intends to start / complete the restoration?

I don't think the folks at SITLA would be very happy to see the condition he left the abandoned mining site and I can tell you the residents in our area are not happy. But the point remains, there is a \$25,000 bond your division should be holding and a signed commitment for reclamation of the land he destroyed. If you can give us any update and time frame for the restoration I would appreciate hearing what you might know.

Thanks for your time.

Dave Siminatis
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John Blake <jblake@utah.gov>

Tue, Jul 2, 2013 at 12:13 PM

To: David Siminatis <davidsiminatis@hotmail.com>, Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Peter Brinton,

RE: The Mammoth Ridge Mine

Mr. Burningham recently performed some major regrading of the mine site which is located upon trust lands near Hatch, Utah. The Trust Lands Administration agreed with DOGM's recommendation that reseedling of the site would more likely be successful if performed in the fall season (2013). The Trust Lands Administration desires that Mr. Burningham be firmly held to this commitment to complete the reclamation this fall and asks that DOGM send him a written schedule as to a date by which the remaining reclamation work (including reseedling) must commence, and also a date by which the final reclamation and reseedling work must be completed. Additionally, please notify Mr. Burningham that failure to comply with the reclamation schedule that is given to him may result in forfeiture of his bond. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Tue, Jul 2, 2013 at 5:20 PM

To: David Siminatis <davidsiminatis@hotmail.com>

Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Lynn Kunzler <LYNNKUNZLER@utah.gov>, John Blake <jblake@utah.gov>

Hi Dave,

I received your email and John's, and I am forwarding them both on to Lynn Kunzler, who is the new permitting and inspection person for Garfield County. He has inspected the partially-reclaimed site, and I believe he has been in contact with the operator about the need for additional work. Before being assigned to a set of different counties a few months ago, I also had contacted the operator to let him know that additional reclamation work would be required.

Since Lynn will be working to make sure that the site is fully-reclaimed, I will defer to him to fill you in on any additional information, like the reclamation timing, etc. Lynn has been with the Division for a long time, and knows what he is doing, and will help get the site reclaimed. I will also be here to help as needed.

Peter

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